

Lt. Governor John Garamendi's Statement on the Governor's Line Item Vetoes

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement on the Governor's line item vetoes:

"The additional cuts imposed by the governor in his line item vetoes further harm the vulnerable and the ability of the state to thrive in the years ahead. Thousands of hard working, dedicated California citizens will lose their jobs as a result of the budget. My heart goes out to them and I will continue to do all that I can to lessen the impact that this budget has on them," Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi said. "Let me assure the people of California, that even though the Governor has cut my office by 62 percent, I will continue to do the work they elected me to do."

"For some time I have been an outspoken critic of the budget process and the governor's leadership because of the impact this budget will have on California's education system, ability to compete in the world market place, and on the most vulnerable Californians. The budget problems have festered for five years and each year the problem has been kicked down the road resulting in this budget crisis. The structural problem of the budget has been known for years, yet it is not fully addressed in this budget. The solutions are temporary and insufficient, the borrowing continues and the budget problem will reemerge in just a few months."